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1. SUMMARY. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY FIRST SECRETARY LE DUAN SPENT NOVEMBER 8-13 IN POLAND ON A VISIT FULL OF ORCHESTRATED CAMARADERIE AND INCLUDING SOME HARSH STATEMENTS BY LE DUAN ABOUT THE FORMER US ROLE IN VIETNAM. IN THE VIEW OF ASIAN DIPLOMATS HERE THE VISIT
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WAS UNDERTAKEN TO EXPRESS VIETNAMESE GRATITUDE FOR ASSIST-

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ANCE RENDERED AND ASK FOR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC HELP, BUT
FEW BELIEVE THE GOP MADE ANY SUBSTANTIAL OFFERS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE POLES PROVIDED APPROPRIATE FANFARE IN WARSAW AND
ON THE DELEGATION'S JAUNTS TO GDANSK AND KRAKOW, BUT A
JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER OBSERVED TO US THAT LE DUAN WAS
NOT TREATED AS A TOP-LEVEL VISITOR. HE WAS QUARTERED IN
THE MYSLEWICKI PALACE IN LAZIENKI PARK, AS OPPOSED TO
BELWEDER OR WILANOW, WHICH NORMALLY GO TO VIP'S. FIRST
SECRETARY GIEREK WAS ON HAND ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
CEREMONIES AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL GALA EVENING ON
NOVEMBER 12, BUT HE ACTUALLY SPENT ONLY A LIMITED TIME
WITH LE DUAN DURING THE VISIT. VICE PREMIER JOZEF TEJCHMA
WAS ASSIGNED ESCORT DUTY FOR THE TRIPS OUTSIDE WARSAW.
THERE WAS NO MENTION OF A RETURN VISIT BY GIEREK.

3. LE DUAN'S VITUPERATIVE REMARKS ABOUT THE US CAME IN
HIS SPEECH AT THE GALA EVENING IN THE PALACE OF CULTURE.
SPEAKING ABOUT POLISH ASSISTANCE TO VIETNAM DURING THE
WAR, HE REFERRED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO AMERICAN BOMB-
ING RAIDS AND TO US EFFORTS AFTER DIEN BIEN PHU TO "DOM-
INATE" THE SOUTH AND TRANSFORM IT INTO A "NEO-COLONY AND
MILITARY BASE" OF THE US. HE CONTINUED THAT THE "AMERI-
CAN AGRESSORS", WHILE CONDUCTING A "LIMITED WAR" IN THE
SOUTH WAGED A "WAR OF DESTRUCTION" IN THE NORTH, EMPLOY-
ING ALL SORTS OF MODERN WEAPONS AND COMMITTING "INNUMERA-
BLE CRIMES" AGAINST VIETNAMESE CITIZENS.

4. GIEREK'S SPEECH, AS PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON NO-
VEMBER 13, DID NOT MENTION THE US. NOR DOES THE JOINT
STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE TWO LEADERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A
SINGLE SENTENCE IN WHICH THEY EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT OF PEACE,
INDEPENDENCE, AND NEUTRALITY FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND CALL FOR
THE WITHDRAWAL OF US MILITARY FORCES AND BASES THERE.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED BY GIEREK AND LE
DUAN, VICE PREMIERS JAGIELSKI AND LE THANT NGHI SIGNED
AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT FOR 1976-80, WITH A PROTOCOL FOR
1976, AND A PROTOCOL ON THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE POLISH
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CAL COOPERATION. NO DETAILS OF CONSEQUENCE WERE REVEALED
CONCERNING OBLIGATIONS THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN.

6. COMMENT: THE POLES TREATED LE DUAN'S VISIT WITH A
REQUIRED CEREMONY AND STYLE BUT ON A NOTICEABLY LOWER
LEVEL THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. WE DOUBT THAT
THE POLISH LEADERSHIP, PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARING ITS
PARTY CONGRESS IN DECEMBER AND WITH POLITICAL-ECONOMIC

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QUESTIONS BEING RAISED IN PRE-CONGRESS DISCUSSIONS,
WAS IN A MOOD TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT AID COMMITMENTS TO
THE VIETNAMESE.
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